Vaidyanathan Revival Package

†540. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Rajasthan has sought an amount of Rs. 110 crore as 25 per cent share of the Central Government under the Vaidyanathan Revival Package of short term cooperative credit structure; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Rajasthan had initially sought an amount of Rs. 110 crore as 25% share of the Central Government towards recapitalisation of eligible Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) affiliated to nine District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), in the State of Rajasthan, under the Revival Package for Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS).

The Government of Rajasthan was, however, advised as per the decision of the National Implementation and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) to re-work out the claim after setting aside the arrears of Provident Fund and Pension dues payable to PACS staff, which as per the Government of India decision, is required to be borne by the Sate Government. Further, the State Government is required to first release its own share towards recapitalisation as per the provisions of the Revival Package and also clearly establish its intact and commitment to bring about reforms in the Cooperative Law. However, the State Government has not amended the Cooperative Societies Act of the State till date.

Appointment of Private Consultants for PPP projects

541. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to appoint private consultants to help development/ execution of Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in addition to Rs. 100 crore corpus i.e. India Infrastructure Project Development, some other funding source is also proposed to be worked out to address the problem of funds for execution of these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In addition to India Infrastructure Project Development Fund, Government of India has an ongoing facility named "Planning Commission Project Preparation Facility" to provide grant in aid for financing the cost of engaging professional consultants for preparation of Detailed Project Reports specifically for projects proposed to be funded from external and institutional sources in the form of technical assistance to Project Authorities for formulation

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